HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, No. 3:22-cv-05774-RSL 11 Plaintiff, 12 DECLARATION OF CAROLYN LONG v. 13 OLYMPIC GAME FARM, INC. ROBERT 14 BEEBE, JAMES BEEBE, and KENNETH BEEBE, 15 16 Defendants. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 SMITH & LOWNEY, P.L.L.C. LONG DECLARATION - 1 29 2317 EAST JOHN STREET No. 3:18-CV-06025-RSL

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I, CAROLYN LONG, declare that if called as a witness I would competently testify of my own personal knowledge, as follows:

- 1. I recently moved to Port Angeles, Washington as of January 2020 after having purchased a summer home there 15 years ago. I have visited Olympic Game Farm (OGF) five times over the years, from 2006-2017. I cannot remember the exact dates of my visits in the early 2000s, but I remember the dates from my more recent visits to OGF.
- 2. In 2017, my husband and I started a nonprofit called Trees for Tigers USA, which funds habitat enrichment projects such as pools, platforms, trees, toys, etc. for exotic and wild animals in sanctuaries to improve the lives of captive wild animals. These structures/projects enable the animals to exercise species-typical behavior in an environment that allows them to have some control of their surroundings, even though they are in captivity. I was motivated to start a nonprofit to help captive wild animals, because although I always believed in animal welfare, my interests morphed over the years to the point where I wanted to make a difference. I want to help support the special needs of animals held in captivity, and I believe supporting sanctuaries is the best way to do that. Trees for Tigers USA has provided funding for all different types of animals, from tigers to marmosets to bears.
- 3. I've visited animal sanctuaries around the country and believe in supporting those that provide large habitats for animals and that allow their animals to live as normal of lives as possible. I love animals and enjoy seeing animals that are well taken care of in captivity, and many sanctuaries have allowed me that opportunity.
- 4. I've been a member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) continuously since at least December 18, 2018. I appreciate ALDF's efforts to help animals held in captivity, especially at roadside zoos.

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- 5. Twenty years ago, I lived in Washington for 10 years and would take my grandson to OGF because it was an activity we could do together. The more I went, the worse I started to feel about OGF because I became more aware of how the animals are confined, the way some of the animals are fed, and how the animals are always listless when I see them.
- One of the first OGF visits that stands out in my mind is when I went in the 6. summer of 2007 because I went with my husband Tom and his friend. Both my husband and his friend are doctors, and we had a long discussion about the spread of communicable diseases, both from humans to animals and from animals to humans, because yak, bison, elk, and deer would stick their heads in our car and other cars during the OGF driving tour. The animals were searching for food because people can feed the animals bread. It seemed like an inappropriate food for the animals, and it made me sad to see them beg.
- I also remember during that trip that several animals were lying down in the 7. middle of the road and wouldn't move. The animals didn't even move as our car inched closer, and my husband actually had to drive around a yak to continue the driving tour. I remember thinking that this was extremely dangerous for the animals. It even appeared that some animals could have been dead in the middle of the road. Thinking about how some of these animals could be sick or dead was extremely upsetting to me.
- Whenever I visited OGF with my grandson and husband, none of us ever wanted 8. to visit the animals in the center enclosures. As one leaves the circle tour, a turn to the left can be made to visit the animals in wire cages in the center of the farm. Seeing the chain-link fencing from a distance, you can see they were small habitats in a row of cages with only chain link as dividers between the cages. Even from far away, the chain-link cages looked barren and depressing with nothing of interest in the cages. It was a very depressing sight from a distance, LONG DECLARATION - 3 SMITH & LOWNEY, P.L.L.C. Z317 EASTJOHN STREET

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and I was afraid of what I would see if we drove over there—sad animals in horrible conditions. The animals there—including tigers and lions—are housed in tiny enclosures and visible only through chain-link fencing. Such a sight is neither suitable for children, like my grandson, or adults, like me and my husband. That's why we always exited OGF before driving through to see the animals in the center enclosures.

- 9. In 2017, I saw a petition on Change org about improving the conditions of the animals at OGF. This petition really spoke to me, because I saw that other people had concerns about the welfare of the animals at OGF, too. After seeing the petition, I contacted the petition organizer and offered to video the animals in their cages, as we were going to be in Port Angeles for the summer. On August 30, 2017, my husband and I visited OGF and videoed the center area with the wire-fenced cages and center section. I did this to help the petition organizer to update everyone who follows the Change.org petition.
- 10. My visit to OGF in 2017 was the first time I saw the animals in the center enclosures. There I saw wolves, tigers, lions, an arctic fox, a bobcat, and a lynx. The conditions of these animals were absolutely horrendous. There was really nowhere for these animals to get away from public view. The animals had dilapidated den boxes made of wood and concrete that didn't provide much shelter. For instance, one tiger's den box couldn't even fit the length of his body, so he couldn't fully lie flat inside. The dens provided the only shade from the sun for the animals. The dilapidated bunker-style dens were open on one entire side - the side facing the road where the cars stop only 3-5 feet from the dens to stare at the animals. The cars have their exhaust going all day every day so close to the animal in its open-sided den.
- 11. On top of the small animal enclosures, I recall hardly seeing any enrichment for the animals. For instance, in a tiger enclosure, there was a child-size plastic blue swimming pool LONG DECLARATION - 4 SMITH & LOWNEY, P.L.L.C. 2317 EAST JOHN STREET No. 3:18-CV-06025-RSL SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98112 (206) 860-2883

that was flipped over so that it couldn't hold any water. The wolves did not have any visible enrichment. I saw the white wolves fighting each other, which was probably because they had nothing else to do. I remember comparing the animal enclosures at OGF with the enclosures I saw at animal sanctuaries I previously visited, and the differences were day-and-night. It is clear how substandard the animal enclosures are at OGF. There is no way for the OGF animals to behave in a species-typical way because there are no enrichment toys or structures that could allow them to do so.

- Similar to the enclosure holding the wolves, the lion I saw also had a barren and 12. dilapidated enclosure. The bobcat, arctic fox, and lynx I saw were also housed in the same poor conditions, without any enrichment. It was all so horrible to see. While videoing the male lion, two male workers drove up to the front of the cage in a golf cart-type vehicle. They were laughing and joking with each other, got out of the vehicle for a few seconds and left without even addressing the lion by name, calling out to him or even acknowledging that he was even there. This indicates to me that OGF doesn't care about their animals. All the other sanctuaries that we help talk to their animals and spend as much time as possible interacting with them.
- The conditions of the tigers really distressed me the most. There was a tiger lying 13. on his side in his tight den box and he did not look well. On his enclosure was a sign that said "Animal is under veterinarian care," which confirmed to me that the tiger was really sick. I was so shocked that OGF would leave a tiger sick, alone, and on public display, with a lot of cars and people passing by daily. I still cannot get over the image of this sick tiger displayed in such a manner, and I cannot believe that OGF wouldn't move him to a private area away from the public so a veterinarian could actually "care" for him, like the sign suggested was happening.

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- I was so concerned about this tiger that I ended up calling OGF days later to ask 14. about him. I spoke with a woman who said that the tiger was named Amadeus and that he was 20 years old and experiencing kidney failure. She also told me that I should not be concerned about him being displayed because he had regular vet supervision. It makes me wonder if so many people complained or inquired over the health of Amadeus that OGF simply thought that the problem could be taken care of by hanging a sign over him that says "under veterinarian care."
- I later found out through contact with Carolita McGee, the author of the 15. Change org petition about OGF, that Amadeus died a few months after I saw him on display. It upsets me to know that Amadeus spent the last days of his life on public display when he was surely suffering.
- Also, during my 2017 visit, I remember seeing a European brown bear pacing 16. back and forth with his tongue hanging out. It was a hot and sunny day, and there was no shade for any of the brown bears I saw. I also didn't see any water in the bear habitat-no drinking water and no pool. On top of that, I remember seeing how much bread all the bears ate, and it is clearly the staple in their diet. I can't imagine how OGF keeps track of their daily bread intake, seeing as how patrons can buy the bread all day, every month of every year. I took the time to look up the USDA inspection reports for OGF, and I saw in 2014 that the USDA advised OGF to stop feeding the animals bread as their staple diet. Clearly, OGF has not taken this advice.
- On the way out of OGF during my last visit, my husband and I went into the gift 17. shop so I could find an employee and speak with them about how upset I was by the horrible conditions of the animals. When I started speaking with a woman employee about this, she literally turned and walked away from me before I could even finish what I was saying.

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- 18. Both my husband and I were extremely distressed by what we saw at OGF, so we decided to call Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias about our concerns after our 2017 visit. When we talked to him on the phone, he agreed with us about the conditions and noted that he did not take his family to OGF. He also said he didn't think there was anything in his power he could do about the conditions at OGF. Mr. Ozias later followed up our call by emailing my husband with the contact information of a USDA employee we should speak to about our complaints.
- 19, I intentionally have not visited OGF since 2017 because it is so depressing. Although I haven't visited in years, I have still done everything I could think of to help those animals. For instance, because OGF relies heavily on the Disney name in its brochure and "movie set tours," I emailed Disney in May 2018 letting them know that OGF, a for-profit corporation, was using the Disney name and exhibiting animals in substandard conditions. I told Disney about my many concerns for the welfare of the animals at OGF, but I never heard back.
- 20. I've also had many conversations with Carolita McGee, the Change org petition writer, about what we can do to help the OGF animals. We've exchanged information and tried our best to reach out to the people or organizations we thought could help.
- 21. When my husband and I spend our summers in Washington, we always see ads for OGF. The ads remind me of the sad conditions for the animals and make me depressed, and I can't rest after I've seen them. For instance, in 2019, I went to the movies to see the Lion King, and my husband and I saw a movie preview ad for OGF. The ad was very clear about what kind of experience OGF wants people to have—it showed animals sticking their heads all the way into rolled down windows so patrons could feed and have hands-on interaction. This made me think about the day I, my husband, and his friend visited OGF and had a conversation about the

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spread of communicable diseases to animals. It also made me think about how the animals are still suffering in the same conditions I saw them in when I first visited OGF almost 20 years ago.

- 22. To this day, I still make a record of anything I see related to OGF in order to do anything I can to help these animals.
- 23. If the Court grants ALDF the relief it seeks, my depression and concern over the animals—especially the tigers, lynx, lions, hoofed animals, bears, and wolves—would go away and my harms would be redressed. I would be able to happily visit OGF and see the living conditions of the animals improved. I would also be happy seeing the animals no longer eat bread but species-appropriate foods, far away from cars and roadways. I would no longer feel sad thinking about the animals and their sad enclosures lacking in water, shade, and enrichment. If I ever see any advertisements for OGF when I'm in Washington, I would no longer worry and fret about whether the animals at OGF are suffering. If the animals were instead moved from OGF and placed in a qualified sanctuary, I would plan a trip to visit the animals so I could see them thriving in larger habitats with enrichment-filled enclosures.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 23 day of March 2021, in Cot My Washington

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